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The following are attached to this report as Appendices A and B:

- a. Appendix A - Road Report Form; and
- b. Appendix B - Bridge Report Form.

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These forms follow the Botevgrad-Lovech-Levski road, covering a distance of 164 kilometers.

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<u>Distance in Kilometers</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Width of Road</u>	<u>Surface of Road</u>	<u>Shoulders</u>	<u>Condition of Road</u>	<u>Surrounding Area</u>	<u>Traffic Suitability</u>
0	Botevgrad						
0-1		5 meters	Pave. Good surface.	1 meter. Flush. Earth.	Straight, level road.	Flat fields either side. Vehicles can leave road. No cover.	Suitable all vehicles.
1-3	-	5 meters	Crushed stone. Pot- holes.	"	"	"	"
3-4	-	6 meters	Pave. Good surface.	"	"	"	"
4-6	Trudovits (sic)	6 meters	"	"	"	"	"
6-8	-	6 meters	"	"	"	"	Suitable all vehicles. Small village (Rasliv) at 7 kilometers.
8-12	-	4-5 meters	Crushed stone.* Good surface.	"	"	Flat fields. Veh- icles can leave road. Low tree- covered hills at 500 meters distance on either side.	Suitable all vehicles.
12-21	-	4 meters	Crushed stone.* Surface bad in parts.		Sinuuous road climbing steadily through narrow valley. Stone abutments on river side at various points. Single arch stone bridges (length 20 meters) at 19 and 20 kms.	Narrow wooded valley. Road above and on right and left of small river with steep cliff above on other side. Vehicles cannot leave road.	Narrow in places but suitable for all vehicles. Highly vulnerable.

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Appendix A

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<u>Distance in Kilometers</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Width of Road</u>	<u>Surface of Road</u>	<u>Shoulders</u>	<u>Condition of Road</u>	<u>Surrounding Area</u>	<u>Traffic Suitability</u>
21-23	Osikovitsa- Lakavitsa	4 meters	Crushed stone surface. Badly in need of repair.	2 meters. Flush. Earth.	-	-	-
23-31	-	5 meters	"	1 meter. Flush. Earth.	Road undulates. No sharp bends. Single- arch stone bridge, (length 20m) at 30 kms.	Wide valley. Occas- ional clumps of trees. Vehicles can leave road via cart tracks at several points.	Suitable all vehicles.
31-32	Osikovitsa (N 42-56, E 24-00)	4 meters	"	"	-	-	"
32-35	-	4 meters	"	"	Single span steel lattice girder bridges at 32kms. (length 10m) and 35 km (length 20m).	Wide valley. Woods on both sides of road. Accessible to vehicles at some points.	"
35-36	Unidentified village	6 meters	Pave. Good surface.	"	-	-	-
36-44	-	5 meters	Crushed stone surface. Bad condition.	1-2 meters. Flush. Grass	Road level. Few bends.	Flat terrain. No cover. Vehicles can leave road.	Suitable all vehicles.
44-47	Yablanitsa (N 43-02, E 24-06)	6 meters	Pave. Except for 100 meters stretch of crushed stone.	No shoulders.	-	-	"
47-51	-	5 meters	Crushed stone. Good condition.	1 meter. Earth. Flush.	Devious road, descending over 1st 2 kms and climbing over last 2 kms.		New road under construction about 200 meters east of and parallel with river. Embankments and one small stone arch bridge complete, but not yet surfaced.

<u>Distance in Kilometers</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Width of Road</u>	<u>Surface of Road</u>	<u>Shoulders</u>	<u>Condition of Road</u>	<u>Surrounding Area</u>	<u>Traffic Suitability</u>
51-55	-	5 meters	Crushed stone. Bad condition.	1 meter. Earth.Flush.	Winding road. Mild gradients.	Open rolling country. No cover. Vehicles can leave road.	Road junction at 52 kms. Turn right for Lovech.
55-59	Unidentified village	5 meters	Crushed stone. Very bad condition.	2 meter. Flush. Earth.	Piles of crushed stone along road- side, for repairs.	-	-
59-63	-	5 meters	"	1 meter. Flush. Earth.	Road straight. A number of sharp bends have recently been removed. Bridge at 62 kms (see Appendix B).	Open country. No cover. Vehicles can leave road.	Suitable all vehicles.
63-67	-	4 meters	"	"	Road winds but fairly level.	Narrow valley, opening out after 1 km. Vehicles can leave road.	Suitable all vehicles.
67-68	Unidentified village	6 meters	"	2 meter. Flush. Earth.	-	-	-
68-78	-	4 meters	"	1 meter. Flush. Earth.	Road fairly level. Few bends. Bridge at 75 kms. (see Appendix B).	Open country. No cover. Wooded hills $\frac{1}{2}$ km north of road, over last kilometer.	Suitable all vehicles.
78-79	Unidentified village	5 meter	Crushed stone. Bad condition.	2 meter. Flush. Earth.	-	-	-
79-89	-	4-5 meter	"	1 meter. Flush. Earth.	-	Open country. Low hills. Occasional clumps of trees. Vehicles can leave road.	Suitable all vehicles.

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89-91	Mikre (N 43-02, E 24-32)	4 meters	Crushed stone. Bad condition.	1m.Flush.Earth.	-	-	Suitable all vehicles.
91-98	-	4-6 meters	"	"	Winding road.Climb- ing most of way. Worst bends have been considerably widened. Work on some still in pro- gress.	Low hills.Some thickly wooded. Vehicles can leave road except over last 2 kms, where there is cliff to left and sharp drop to right of road.	"
98-99	Kirkovo- Makhla (N 43-04, E 24-35)	5 meters	Crushed stone. Good surface.	2m.Flush.Earth.	-	-	"
99-101	-	5 meters	"	1m.Flush.Earth.	Road climbs gradually.	Wooded hills. Difficult to leave road.	"
101-104	Sokolovo (N 43-05, E 24-37)	5 meters	"	2m.Flush.Earth.	Road levels out.	-	"
104-116	-	5-6 meters	Crushed stone. Good surface. Excellent over last 4 kms.	1m.Flush.Earth.	Road climbing grad- ually. Gentle descent over last 3-4kms before Lovech. No sharp bends.	Open rolling country Vehicles can leave road at some points.	"
116-119	Lovech	6 meters	Pave. Good surface.	1m.Flush.Earth.	Level road. Due north for 2km, northeast for 1km past south edge of Lovech airfield, north for 200m crossing Lovech- Levski railway.		

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123	Road junction.	-	-	-	Road to Pleven continues north. Levski roads turn off northeast.	-	-
123-133	-	5 meters	Crushed stone. Surface bad in parts.	1m.Flush.Earth.	Straight level road. Crosses railway at 129kms.	Flat fields on both sides. No cover. Vehicles can leave road.	Suitable all vehicles.
133-134	Yoglav (N 43-12, E 24-49)	4 meters	"	2m.Flush.Earth.	-	-	-
134-142	-	4 meters	Crushed stone. Good surface after 139kms.	1m.Flush.Earth.	Straight level road. Crosses railway at 139kms.	"	"
142-143	Aleksandrova (N 43-15, E 24-56)	5 meters	Crushed stone. Surface fair.	"	Cross railway at 142 kms.	-	-
143-153	-	5 meters	"	"	Cross railway at 146 kms and 152kms.	"	"
153-155	Letnitsa	4 meters	Crushed stone and earth. Bad condition.	1m.Flush.Grass.	-	-	-
155-158	-	3-4 meters	Crushed stone. Bad condition.	1m.Flush.Earth.	Straight level road.	Flat.No cover. Vehicles can leave road.	Suitable all vehicles.Ex- cept for width and thick mud after rain.
158-160	Asenovtsi (N 43-19, E 25-06)	4 meters	Crushed stone. Bad condition.	1m.Flush.Earth.	-	-	-
160-164	-	5 meters	"	"	Road crosses rail- way line at entrance to Levski.	Flat.No cover. Vehicles can leave road.	Suitable all vehicles.

	<u>Length</u>	<u>Arches</u>	<u>Width of Roadway</u>	<u>Construction</u>	<u>Embankments</u>
1.	75 meters (overall)	3 x 25 m.	5 meters	Steel lattice girder (through type) on three masonry piers.	Steep earth banks. Height 5-7 meters.
2.	20 meters (overall)	1 x 20 m.	5 meters	Single steel arch.	"

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Appendix B